

August 16, 1999, which claims priority from EP98310694.9, filed December 23, 1998 and GB 9817796.7 filed August 14, 1998, the contents of all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

Kindly insert the sequence listing provided herewith as pages 51-285 following page 50 of the specification.

Kindly renumber the abstract as page 292.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly renumber the pages of claims beginning with page 286.

Before claim 1, kindly delete "Claims" and insert therefor --
What is claimed is:--.

Kindly cancel claims 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 36, 37.

Kindly amend the following claims:

In Claim 1, beginning at line 5 kindly delete "and which nucleic acid molecule comprises any of the sequences of nucleotides in" and insert therefore --wherein the nucleic acid molecule has a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group of nucleic acid sequences consisting of --.

In Claim 1, line 7 after "3" kindly delete "." and insert therefore ",".

In Claim 2, beginning at line 16 kindly delete "and which nucleic acid molecule comprises any of the sequences of nucleotides in" and insert therefore --wherein the nucleic acid molecule has a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group of nucleic acid sequences consisting of --.

In Claim 3, beginning at line 25 kindly delete "and which nucleic acid molecule comprises any of the sequences of nucleotides in" and insert therefore --wherein the nucleic acid molecule has a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group of nucleic acid sequences consisting of --.

In Claim 4, beginning at line 34 kindly delete "and which nucleic acid molecule comprises any of the sequences of nucleotides of" and insert therefore --wherein the nucleic acid molecule has a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of --.

In Claim 5, beginning at line 3 kindly delete "and which polypeptide has an amino acid sequence according to the sequence of any of" and insert therefore --wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of --.

In Claim 6 kindly delete "any one of claims" and insert therefore --claim--.

In Claim 6 after "1" kindly delete "to 5".

In Claim 7 kindly delete "any of claims" and insert therefor --claim--.

In Claim 7 kindly delete "to 5".

In Claim 9 kindly delete "any of claims" and insert therefor --claim--.

In Claim 9 kindly delete "to 5".

In Claim 11 kindly delete "any of claims" and insert therefor --claim--.

In Claim 11 kindly delete "to 8".

In Claim 12 line 32 kindly delete "of any of" and insert therefore --selected from the group consisting of--.

In Claim 15 kindly delete "or 8".

In Claim 17 kindly delete "or 16".

22. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 10] or a polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid of claim 1 [according to any of claims 11 to 14] together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier diluent or excipient therefor.

23. (Amended) A *Candida albicans* cell comprising an induced mutation in the DNA sequence encoding a polypeptide according to [any of] claim[s] 11 [to 14].

In Claim 24, line 8 kindly delete "which method comprises" and insert therefor --comprising the steps of--.

In Claim 24, lines 12-13 kindly delete "any of claims" and "to 8".

In Claim 24, line 13, before "1" kindly insert --claim--.

26. (Amended) [A] The compound [according to] of claim 25 in [for use as] a medicament.

28. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim [24]26 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient therefor.

In Claim 30, line 22 kindly delete "A" and insert therefor The--.

31. (Amended) [A] The method according to claim 29 [or 30] wherein said cell or organism is [any of] selected from the group consisting of *Saccharomyces cervisiae*, *Saccharomyces pombe* or *Candida albicans*.

32. (Amended) A plasmid, Plasmid pGAL1PSiSt-1, having the sequence of nucleotides illustrated in Figure 8.

33. (Amended) A plasmid, Plasmid pGAL1PniST-1, having the sequence of nucleotides illustrated in Figure 7.

In Claim 34, line 36, kindly delete "to 14".

35. (Amended) An oligonucleotide comprising a fragment of from 10 to 50 contiguous nucleic acid sequences of a nucleic acid molecule according to [any of] claim[s] 1 [to 10].

38. (Amended) A method [of identifying] for detecting the presence of *Candida albicans* in a subject[, which method

comprises] comprising the steps of contacting a sample to be tested with at least one nucleic acid molecule according to claim 10 [or an antibody according to claim 34,] and [monitoring for any] detecting [hybridsation] hybridisation of the nucleic acid molecule to said sample [with said molecule or binding to said antibody].

39. (Amended) A kit for [monitoring] detecting *Candida albicans* infection comprising a nucleic acid molecule capable of hybridising to the nucleic acid molecules of claim 1 [according to claim 9 or 10, or an antibody according to claim 34, and means for contacting said molecule or said antibody with a sample to be tested].

40. (Amended) [A] The nucleic acid molecule [encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans*] of claim 1 wherein the [and which] nucleic acid molecule is selected from the group consisting of [comprises any of the sequences of nucleotides in] Sequence ID Numbers 18, 21, 29, 31, 33, 44, 76, 80 and the sequences identified in Figures 9 and 13.

Kindly add the following claims:

41. (New) A nucleic acid molecule according to claim 5 which is mRNA.

42. (New) A nucleic acid molecule according to claim 5 which is DNA.

43. (New) A nucleic acid molecule capable of hybridizing to the molecules of claim 5 under high stringency conditions.

44. (New) A medicament comprising nucleic acid having at least one of the sequences of claim 5.